

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION NO. : 10/606,292
APPLICANT : Francois Lagace
FILED : June 25, 2003
FOR : WASHER PRESSURE EQUALIZATION
SYSTEM
CONFIRMATION NO. : 2909
ART UNIT : 1746
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***RESPONSE UNDER CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1746***

June 5, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.